

## GUYANA

### Environmental Improvement of the Georgetown Interim Disposal Site (GY-0059)

#### Executive Summary

**Requester:** Government of Guyana

**Executing Agency:** Georgetown City Council

<b>Amount and Source:</b>	IDB	US\$900,000
	Local	<u>US\$100,000</u>
	Total	US\$1,000,000

**Financial Terms  
And Conditions:**

Amortization Period	40 Years
Grace Period	10 Years
Disbursement Period	2.5 Years
Interest Rate	1% First 10 years 2% Remaining years
Supervision and Inspection	1 %
Credit Fee	0.5%

<b>Terms:</b>	Execution Period	24 Months
	Disbursement Period	30 Months

**Objectives:** The operation aims to improve the health and sanitary conditions of the residents in Georgetown through and improved and environmentally safer disposal of solid waste at the Mandela Avenue site and to support public awareness campaigns.

**Description:** The Program will include two main components: (1) New works and improved management of the Mandela Avenue site ((US\$660,000); AND (2) public awareness and cleansing campaigns (US\$200,000)

**Environmental/  
Social Review:**

The Program will improve the health and sanitary conditions of the residents of the City of Georgetown.

**Benefits and  
Beneficiaries:**

The proposed activities will directly benefit the residents living adjacent to the Mandela Avenue dump and will improve the solid waste services for the entire city of Georgetown. An improved management of the solid waste generated by the inhabitants is a prerequisite for sustainable development.

**Risks:**

Risk: There is limited technical capacity in the City Cleansing Department to operate the disposal site at Mandela Avenue. Mitigant: An experienced private contractor will be hired to implement the remedial measures proposed with the project. A training program to support the city council in solid waste disposal is part of the program.

Risk: Improved operations will increase costs and timely funding is critical for the management of the site. Mitigants: The City Council has committed a budget for the landfill operation. The urban Development Program (UDP) is working with the city to improve its financial situation, and the Bank, is supporting the development of a longer-term solution for solid waste disposal, in which the sustainability is given careful consideration.

Risk: The creation of additional space for disposal may delay the construction and operation of the new disposal facility. Mitigant: the proposed site improvements and extension of the site will only give space to dispose the incoming waste for 24 months, period needed for project preparation and construction of the new infrastructure. The proposed design and operational procedures aim at the safe closing of the site.

**Bank's Country and Sector Strategy:**

The proposed Program supports the Bank's policy of preserving and improving the environmental quality and it is also consistent with its health policies of protecting the community through the reduction of disease prevalence by improving sanitation.

**Special Contractual Conditions:**

Conditions precedent to first disbursement:

- a. Creation of the Project Implementing Unit (PIU) (see paragraph 3.2)
- b. Evidence of the subscription of the financing contract between the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (MLGRD) and the Mayor and City Council of Georgetown (see. paragraph 3.5)

Other disbursement conditions:

- a. Disbursements for the subcomponent of New Cell Development and Closure shall be subject to the hiring of the private contractor to operate the landfill (see paragraph 3.7)

**Poverty-Targeting And Social Sector Classification :**

This operation qualifies as a social equity-enhancing project, as describe in the indicative targets mandated by the Bank's Eighth Replenishment (Document AB-1704). Furthermore, this operation qualifies as Poverty Targeted Investment (see paragraph 4.5), thereby permitting the 10 percentage points in additional financing.

**Exceptions to Bank Policy:**

None.